

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1           1.     A device for dispensing a stack of coupon sheets each folded  
2     having a forwardly leading flap, comprising:  
3     a housing member having a chamber extending longitudinally therethrough  
4           to contain the stack of coupon sheets and an opening formed in the  
5           front end of said housing member to accept the forwardly leading flap  
6           of each sheet, said housing member being further formed having a  
7           plurality of longitudinal ribs extending through and surrounding the  
8           chamber to guide the stack of coupons toward the opening in the front  
9           end of said housing member; and  
10    pusher means having a P-shaped head operatively disposed within said  
11           housing member for urging the stack of coupon sheets longitudinally  
12           through the chamber in a deflected manner guided by the longitudinal  
13           ribs so that the forwardly leading flap of the outermost coupon sheet  
14           projects outward through the opening.

1           2.     A coupon dispensing device according to Claim 1, wherein said  
2     housing member comprises:  
3     a front cover having a rounded dispensing mouth formed at the opening of  
4           the chamber; and  
5     a rear housing section formed to engage said front cover and be releasably  
6           connected thereto.

1           3.     A coupon dispensing device according to Claim 2, wherein said  
2 front cover further comprises:  
3 an upper panel member positioned at the rounded dispensing mouth above  
4 the opening and disposed in a first plane;  
5 a lower panel member positioned at the rounded dispensing mouth below  
6 the opening and disposed in a second plane recessed from the first  
7 plane; and  
8 a pair of edge panel members each having a rounded configuration and  
9 projecting forwardly on opposite sides of the opening.

1           4.     A coupon dispensing device according to Claim 3, wherein the  
2 plurality of longitudinal ribs comprise:  
3 a series of first ribs spaced apart along the top of said front cover and  
4 extending forwardly to the upper panel member, said first ribs being  
5 contoured in their forward extension to conform with the rounded  
6 dispensing mouth of said front cover;  
7 a series of second ribs spaced apart along the bottom of said front cover and  
8 extending forwardly to the lower panel member; and  
9 a series of third ribs spaced apart on either side of said front cover and  
10 extending forwardly to opposite sides of the opening.

1           5.     A coupon dispensing device according to Claim 1, wherein said  
2     pusher means further comprises:  
3     a pusher member operatively mounted within the chamber of said housing  
4         member and formed having a cylindrical body extending from the rear  
5         of the P-shaped head; and  
6     a coil spring formed to fit within the cylindrical body of said pusher member  
7         and operatively coupled to said housing member.

1           6.     A coupon dispensing device according to Claim 5, wherein the  
2     front surface of the P-shaped head is formed having an asymmetric  
3     curvature, the upper portion thereof having a substantially semi-circular  
4     profile and the bottom portion having a convex profile of larger radius than  
5     the upper portion.

1           7.     A coupon dispensing device according to Claim 5, wherein said  
2     rear housing section comprises:  
3     a pair of tang members extending along the top and bottom of said section to  
4         releasably engage the front cover; and  
5     a cylindrical core member projecting forwardly from said section, the core  
6         member being formed to contain the coil spring of said pusher  
7         member and keyed to engage the cylindrical body thereof.

1           8.     A device for dispensing individual sheets of paper each folded  
2     having a forwardly facing flap and grouped collectively in a stack,  
3     comprising:  
4     housing means having a longitudinal chamber for containing the stack of  
5         sheets and a rectangular opening at one end of the chamber to remove  
6         the sheets therefrom, the chamber further having a plurality of  
7         longitudinal ribs surrounding the chamber and extending therethrough  
8         to guide the stack toward the opening; and  
9     pusher means having a P-shaped head operatively disposed within the  
10        chamber of said housing means for urging the stack of sheets  
11        forwardly through the chamber and along the longitudinal ribs in a  
12        deflected manner so that the forwardly facing flap of each sheet  
13        projects outward through the opening.

1           9.     A dispensing device according to Claim 8, wherein said  
2     housing means further comprises:  
3     a front cover having a rounded dispensing mouth formed at the rectangular  
4         opening of the chamber; and  
5     a rear housing section formed to engage said front cover and be releasably  
6         connected thereto.

1           10. A dispensing device according to Claim 9, wherein the rounded  
2 dispensing mouth of said front cover comprises:  
3 an upper panel member positioned above the rectangular opening and  
4 disposed in a first plane;  
5 a lower panel member positioned below the rectangular opening and  
6 disposed in a second plane recessed from the first plane; and  
7 a pair of edge panel members each having a rounded configuration and  
8 projecting on either side of the rectangular opening.

1           11. A dispensing device according to Claim 10, wherein the  
2 plurality of longitudinal ribs comprise:  
3 a series of first ribs spaced apart along the top of the chamber and extending  
4 to the upper panel member, said first ribs being contoured in their  
5 forward extension to conform with the rounded dispensing mouth of  
6 said front cover;  
7 a series of second ribs spaced apart along the bottom of the chamber and  
8 extending to the lower panel member; and  
9 a series of third ribs spaced apart on either side of the chamber and  
10 extending to opposite sides of the rectangular opening.

1           12. A dispensing device according to Claim 9, wherein said rear  
2 housing section is formed having a pair of tang members extending from the  
3 top and bottom thereof to releasably engage the front cover.

1           13. A dispensing device according to Claim 8, wherein said pusher  
2 means further comprises:  
3 a pusher member operatively mounted within the chamber of said housing  
4 means and formed having a cylindrical body extending from the rear  
5 of the P-shaped head; and  
6 a coil spring formed to fit within the cylindrical body of said pusher member  
7 and operatively coupled to said housing means.

1           14. A dispensing device according to Claim 13, wherein the front  
2 surface of the P-shaped head is formed having an asymmetric curvature, the  
3 upper portion thereof having a substantially semi-circular profile and the  
4 bottom portion having a convex profile of larger radius than the upper  
5 portion.

1           15. A dispensing device according to Claim 13, wherein said rear  
2 housing section is further formed having a cylindrical core member  
3 projecting forwardly therefrom, the core member being formed to contain  
4 the coil spring of said pusher member and keyed to engage the cylindrical  
5 body thereof.